The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of telephone interviews with

Applicant's representative. Per the Examiner's request, Applicant hereby authorizes

communication with the Examiner via email if necessary.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 4-14 and 18-22 are pending in this application.

Claims 15-17 have been canceled. Claims 18-20 and 22 were rewritten in

independent form including the limitations of base claim 15 and any intervening claim.

Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable.

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and

respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes

that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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